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SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S MESSAGE TO PRESIDENT MACHEL

REF: STATE 217766

1. I DELIVERED SECRETARY'S LETTER PERSONALLY TO PRESIDENT MACHEL 1715 HOURS LOCAL TIME TODAY. SERGIO VIEIRA, CHIEF OF CABINET WHO INTERPRETED AT SCHAUFLE MEETING, IMMEDIATELY TRANSLATED FOR MACHEL.

2. MACHEL SAID HE APPRECIATED SERIOUS ATTENTION WHICH USG AND SECRETARY WERE DEVOTING TO SOUTHERN AFRICAN PROBLEMS. HE REALIZED SECRETARY WOULD WELCOME EARLY ANSWER ON POSSIBILITY OF VISIT ON SEPTEMBER 11. HE SAID HE WANTED TO DISCUSS MATTER WITH HIS STAFF AND PROMISED TO HAVE REPLY FOR ME ON SATURDAY SEPTEMBER 4.

3. MACHEL SAID HE HAD TWO POINTS HE WANTED ME TO PASS TO SECRETARY:

A. FIRST, HE STRESSED IT NOT UP TO MOZAMBIQUE OR AFRICAN LEADERS TO IMPOSE GOVERNMENT UPON ZIMBABWEANS. THAT IS FOR THE ZIMBABWEANS TO DECIDE FOR THEMSELVES. IT WOULD BE MISTAKE, HE SAID, TO INSIST ON GUARANTEES FOR WHITES. THAT WILL ONLY BREED RACIAL ANIMOSITY. BUT HE WENT ON QUICKLY TO SAY THAT HE CERTAIN THERE WOULD BE A ROLE FOR WHITES IN A "POST-COLONIAL ZIMBABWE." LOOK AT MOZAMBIQUE, HE SAID, WE HAVE A TRULY MULTI-RACIAL SOCIETY AND THERE WAS NO ATTEMPT TO INSIST ON

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GUARANTEES FOR WHITES.

B. SECOND, MACHEL ASKED ME TO REPORT THAT HE IS ALREADY IN CLOSE TOUCH WITH THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST LEADERS, WHO HAVE COME TO MAPUTO FOR UNITY TALKS. HE SAID HE IS TALKING TO EVERYONE, MENTIONING BY NAME ZAPU LEADERS SILUNDIKA AND MOYO. HE SAID HE IS NOT SHOWING FAVORITISM TO ANY ONE GROUP.

4. MAIHEL SAID THAT HE HAS NOT DISCLOSED SUBSTANCE OF TALK HE HAD HAD WITH SCHAUFEELE TO THE ZIMBABWEAN NATIONALIST LEADERS, AND HE DOES NOT INTEND TO DO SO.

5. I LEFT WITH MACHEL THE TEXT OF THE SECRETARY'S AUGUST 31 SPEECH BEFORE THE OIC. MACHEL SAID HE WOULD READ IT CAREFULLY, NOTING THAT HE HAS BEEN REREADING THE TRANSCRIPT OF HIS MEETING WITH SCHAUFEELE. WHEN SAYING GOODBYE, HE REMARKED THAT HE TOO SEES TASK AS THAT OF BRINGING WHITES AND BLACKS TOGETHER.
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